

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY DIVISION
SOLE SOURCE POSTING S-5299**

The Office of the Secretary of State contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Saroj Ghoting. The Washington State Library is offering eight face-to-face Supercharged Storytimes workshops at locations throughout the state. Saroj Ghoting is one of a limited number of people that have in-depth knowledge of Project VIEWS that these workshops draw from. Saroj Ghoting has the level of understanding needed to explain the ways in which VIEWS relates to the Every Child Ready to Read early literacy initiative and how the informal learning environments found in libraries that use these research-based programs can support early literacy learning education. Saroj Ghoting is a nationally known and highly respected early literacy consultant and trainer. She is currently a consultant for the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children of the American Library Association for Every Child Ready to Read. She is a seasoned Storytimes practitioner and has presented numerous workshops for library staff, parents, and child care practitioners on ways to share books and language with young children. She has also written several books that are widely used by youth services staff throughout the country on making early literacy activities more effective, and is co-author, with two of the Project VIEWS researchers, of another, the soon-to-be-released *Supercharged Storytimes: An Early Literacy Planning and Assessment Guide*.

The value for the contract is \$25,000. The contract will be issued on or about March 28, 2016. The contract term is March 28, 2016 through May 20, 2016. There are no options for extensions. Vendors contemplating a response must submit capability statements in writing, which must be received at the address below by no later than 4:00 P.M., March 22, 2016. Capability statements that a sole source is not justified must include supporting documentation. PDF attachments to e-mail responses will be accepted. Inquiries should be directed to the contact shown below. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the State's intent to make a sole source award to Saroj Ghoting.

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